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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT: Preparations for Briefing of the JCS

1. This morning I went over to the Pentagon and met with Colonel Bridges after having consulted last evening with Colonel Macia who suggested that for the time being he not get involved. Both Colonel Macia and Colonel Bridges now have the following four papers:

a. The draft outline which attempts to follow the line of your thought -- Tab A. (Colonel Bridges saw no cause for differences between the Air Force and the Agency on this. He thought that while the JCS normally would like to have no more than one or two briefers, he felt this was certainly a special case and that those responsible for Ops could do a much better briefing on those items. He certainly thought it most appropriate for the Director to lead off. He was impressed that the general idea you outlined for the substance of item 3, your peroration, was the guts of the matter and would really be the basis on which a decision eventually must be made.)

b. The original justification which was a coordinated paper -- Tab B.

c. A paper entitled "Justification for Penetration" which seeks in its initial page and a half to be more direct and plain spoken and in the second portion explains why individual targets amongst those selected are indeed vital, what we might expect to see if we covered them, and what difference they would make. (Colonel Bridges was very pleased with this piece of paper because in the second section he said it provided the essential materials needed by a non-expert such as he.) Tab C.

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d. A longer form of the "Justification for Penetration" which borrows from the paper in B and seeks to compress the argument with regard to the individual targets in relation to the problem to which they apply. Tab D.

2. It is my suggestion that it might be worthwhile for you to read through the paper at Tab D.

3. Colonel Bridges told me that he would have to work with a number of individuals this afternoon in making his preparations. He said that he would give me a call the first thing in the morning as to his status. I told him that I was required to have a report to you by noon on Thursday and said that I believed the most useful thing would be to arrange for Colonel Bridges to meet with you so that you might talk the matter over. Accordingly, would this be possible on Thursday morning?

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